

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 26th, 1896.

Little except the Chicago convention is talked about by the politicians of all parties who are now in Washington. All sorts of guesses are being made as to what the convention will do, but nobody pretends to be able to do more than guess. One thing seems certain, if such democrats as Senators Harris of Tenn., and Jones of Ark., are in touch with the controlling element in the convention, as they are believed to be. That is, that Senator Teller will not be even seriously considered as a candidate for the Presidential nomination. Another thing which seems probable, if not quite certain, is that the South will not furnish the candidate. Senator Blackburn, who has been endorsed by the Kentucky democrats, will, it is stated, declare his appreciation of the compliment and then decline the support offered, because of his belief that it would be unwise to nominate a Southern man.

It is generally admitted by democrats that the fight in the Chicago convention will probably be the bitterest since the convention of 1860, but they all hope that the result will not be so disastrous; and all are certain whatever the outcome that there will not be two democratic Presidential tickets in the field this year. Ample time is to be given for the delegates to fully consider the platform and the ticket, with the understanding that when action is taken it shall be concurred in by the minority. Notwithstanding the extraordinary efforts which President Cleveland and his friends are making to prevent it, the general impression among all classes of politicians is that the platform will declare for the independent free coinage of silver by this country at the ratio of 16 to 1.

There was no surprise in Washington when it was stated as coming direct from Mr. Hobart himself that his nomination for Vice President was the result of an understanding months before the convention with Mark Hanna, but when Hobart's talk got back to Hanna there was probably a few remarks made which could not be printed in a family newspaper. One republican remarked, when told what Hobart had said, that he thought Hanna might at least have selected a man who knew enough to keep his mouth shut.

It looks like it may be ascertained after a while just what it costs to make armor plate for warships. During the last session of Congress the Senate Naval committee made a bluff at finding out, but it made such a bad failure that the House committee announced its intention to try, and meanwhile insisted upon inserting in the naval appropriation bill a clause instructing the Secretary of the Navy to make no more contracts for armor plate until Congress acted upon the matter, and also instructing him to have an investigation made by naval officers. This week Secretary Herbert appointed a board consisting of Capt. W. T. Sampson, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance; Lt. Commander N. E. Niles, and Lt. A. A. Ackerman to investigate and report to Congress. The general belief is that too much has been charged for the plates by the only two concerns in the country which have the plants to make them.

"I see," said a man, who served in Congress with McKinley and who knows him too well to vote for him, "that Mark Hanna is reported to have said that McKinley secured that nomination without making any promises. If Hanna said that he must have been joking, for he must know that making promises has always been a weakness with McKinley. Why, it kept him in hot water nearly all the time he was Governor of Ohio, and he even went so far sometimes as to promise the same thing to two different men. In one such case, where both men had too much influence to be turned down, he had to get the legislature to help him out at the expense of the State by making two positions at \$5,000 a year where only one had existed when he promised it to two men. Not made any promises. Why, I'll bet my very head that McKinley has promised away every position worth having in the gift of the President, and nobody knows it any better than Mark Hanna."

While the rumor mongers were firing off their whole broadsides of Fourth-of-July war fireworks, based upon what they supposed would be the nature of

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's report on the situation in Cuba, which, by the way, the President has not yet received, the President was catching a few salt fish, and Secretary Olney was getting two or three days rest out of town. When it comes down to hard work the sensational newspaper man wears the belt all the time.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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The man or woman accepting valuable favors from sincere friends and failing to show their appreciation in return for the same in little acts of kindness costing nothing, are very ungrateful indeed. It is just such unappreciativeness that brings estrangement between friends, and when adversity comes upon us and we need their assistance the most, is when we discover our short-comings in all their hideousness. Those who would have sincere friends upon whom to depend in the hour of adversity, must not only deserve them, but retain them as well.

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A new pest in the shape of an apple tree destroyer is worrying the fruit growers throughout the State. The troublesome thing is a small white worm which ensconces itself in the end of the limb of the trees and bores away until it causes the blight of the leaves. It was never heard of before this Spring and the experimental stations of the State have taken up the matter and will make an investigation.

Don't sleep with eyes facing the light is a caution given by all oculists. A test by closing the eyes when facing the light quickly shows that the strain is only lessened, not removed, and the interposition of an adequate shade is as grateful to the shut eyes as when they are open. It is sometimes necessary in a small room to have the bed face the window, but even then by means of shades rolling from the bottom instead of from the top, the window may be covered to the few inches left free for the passage of air.

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MARK A. HANNA.

all his might and spending money lavishly in behalf of the latter, though of course a protective tariff would benefit his business. Mr. Hanna is a very large man, weighing nearly 250 pounds. He was a personal friend of Gen. Garfield, and had a hand in bringing about his nomination for the Presidency. The accompanying picture is a good likeness of Mr. Hanna.

The Decline of Patriotism in Washington

"There is something the matter with our people of late years," said Mr. W. H. Jones. "Here it is June, and not a word has been said or anything been done about a Fourth of July celebration. To the old resident, who looked upon the fireworks in the White Lot on the evening of the glorious Fourth, as the great event of the year this seems strange. Speak to any of the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association and he will surely agree with me that our Fourth of July celebrations, day and night, of thirty, forty or fifty years ago were, indeed, glorious events, and I would be happy if they should be restored, so that our grandchildren could for once see how we did things in our day.

"Our best fireworks were made in the old arsenal, at the foot of Fourth-and-a-half street, and cost from \$500 to \$1,000, and were paid for by an appropriation by Congress or city councils. We gave as much attention to the Fourth as do the people of the New England towns, and had parades, brass bands, and a general celebration. Every one enjoyed it, and it made us feel more patriotic. It may be we are wrong, and that the modern way of celebrating the glorious Fourth, by tying up two or three sandwiches in a paper and jumping on a bicycle and riding out in the country on dusty roads in the boiling sun, is the more patriotic, but the old inhabitant cannot see it that way. There are many changes as time passes along, but, like many other old people, I regret that we forget the glorious Fourth and do not publicly celebrate it any more.

Daniel Was There.

A rich old speculator imagined that he knew about it, whereas he was an ignoramus in regard to everything, in fact, except in making money. This old fraud determined to make a valuable present to his son-in-law, who was a preacher.

It was suggested to him that an oil painting representing "Daniel in the Lions' Den" would be very appropriate, so an order was given to a painter to produce the work of art. It was almost finished when the old speculator was called to inspect it. It represented a cross section of the den with Daniel walking about among the lions. When the old man saw the picture he refused to take it. He insisted that if Daniel was in the den neither he nor lions could be seen, and the artist had to cover the lions and Dan with a thick coat of black paint.

When the son-in-law was presented with the picture he was somewhat dazed to know what it represented.

"It represents 'Daniel in the Lions' Den,'" replied the art critic. "But I don't see either of them." "That makes no difference. They are in there. I saw 'em myself."—Youth's Companion.

THE CANDIDATE.



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Her doctor has made a mistake. She has lost faith in him; hope vanishes; then comes the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting BLUES. Her doctor, if he knew, should have told her and cured her, but he did not, and she was allowed to suffer. By chance she came across one of Mrs. Pinkham's books, and in it she found her very symptoms described and an explanation of what they meant. Then she wrote to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for advice, feeling that she was telling her troubles to a woman. Speedy relief followed, and vigorous health returned.

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